



**University Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
November 6, 2023
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Engineering East Room 106**

1. The UFS meeting was called to order by Dr. Kim Dunn at 1:00 pm. The meeting was held in Engineering East Room 106.
2. Senate approved [October 9, 2023](#) UFS Minutes by unanimous consent.
3. President's Report
 - Dr. Dunn requested Dr. Dan Meeroff to give an update on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) webpage.
 - Dr. Meeroff reported that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) webpage has been launched, <https://www.fau.edu/ai/>
 - Discussed aspects of webpage; includes a section for faculty feedback/comments.
 - Jason Ball and Dr. Meeroff are planning to create a group of faculty for policy guidance for IA – colleges have sent in faculty recommendations but if you are still interested, please contact Dr. Meeroff.
 - BOG Updates
 - The next BOG meeting is being held this coming Wednesday and Thursday at the University of Central Florida.
 - Dr. Dunn reported on the DEI expenditures (Reg 9.016) policy that is on the BOG's agenda. DEI feedback was passed along to the General Council via Provost. Proposed policy is available on the BOG website. Public comments are due no later than November 23, 2023.
 - Dr. Dunn reported that Chancellor Rodriguez is on the BOG agenda to give an update on the FAU Presidential Search.
 - BOT Updates
 - The next BOT meeting is November 14. Currently, the agenda is not available.
 - Other updates
 - Dr. Dunn reported that Dr. Joel Berg, consultant to FAU, provided a report to Steering. Steering raised concerns about the dental program and asked UFS Academic Planning and Budget committee to look into the concerns raised by Steering.

4. Guest Speakers

- Chief Brammer – Campus Safety
 - Chief Brammer discussed FAU campus safety.
 - Chief Brammer reiterated some of the university safety protocols that we have in place.
 - Part of what the University Police Department builds from is community collaboration; staying informed from the early stages is essential.
 - FAU police officers train and prepare for emergency situations.
 - FAU police officers train annually on defensive tactics, firearms, taser and de-escalation techniques.
 - Officers participate in two active shooter scenarios, a department-wide and a multi-agency large scale scenario; and complete training on policies, procedures and state law.

- David Kian – Meeting Recordings and Access
 - Unable to attend, rescheduling for January Senate meeting.

- Brittaney Amento-Adelmann, Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan & Jennifer Bebergal, Associate Dean for Academic Support and Student Learning: QEP and Faculty Development
 - The QEP Leadership team discussed supporting students with the Learning Assistant (LA) Model.
 - Discussed what is a QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). QEP = LA Program; education reimaged.
 - Discussed the LA Program History. Started at FAU in Calculus in 2014.
 - Education Reimagined aims to change the culture of teaching and learning at the institution by investing in and supporting student-centered education.
 - Discussed the difference between LA (inside classroom) and SI (outside classroom).
 - Discussed which courses have Las at FAU; gave examples of what an LA course looks like.
 - Discussed how faculty can get involved; proposals will open each fall starting in fall 2024.
 - The team would like feedback on the QEP Written Report which will be posted on the QEP website this week, no later than November 27.

5. Committee Reports

- Academic Planning and Budget Committee – Kevin Wagner
 - Dr. Wagner reported on the 24-25 and proposed 25-26 calendars.
 - Dr. Wagner reported that the 24-25 calendar has not changed since the APBC, Steering and Senate approved it last year.
 - Dr. Wagner reported that the 25-26 calendar is new. The Office of the Registrar will need to submit both to the Board of Governors in early spring; the 24-25 will be submitted to the BOG for the second time and the 25- 26 for the first time.
 - Senate approved both the 24-25 and 25-26 calendars.

- Dr. Wagner also reported that the Academic Planning and Budget committee (APBC) will meet with Dr. Joel Berg to discuss concerns regarding the College of Dentistry. The APBC will then report back to Steering; and Steering will then report back to Senate.
 - Dr. Wagner also reported that Jayson Iroff, Vice President, Financial Affairs Chief Financial Officer attended an Academic Planning and Budget committee (APBC). The CFO presented the outlines of what is going to be the budget committee. The APBC committee referred the presentation to Steering.
 - Academic Freedom and Due Process Committee – Dawn Rothe
 - Dr. Rothe reported on the Post Tenure Review (PTR) process.
6. [UPC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 7. [UPC Action Agenda](#)
 - Positive recommendation from Steering. **Motion to approve carries.**
 8. [UGC Consent Agenda](#)
 - Motion to move MS and PhD in Geosciences to UGC action agenda. Motion carries.
 - Positive recommendation from Steering for the remaining consent agenda minus the moved MS and PhD in Geosciences to action agenda. **Approved by unanimous consent.**
 9. [UGC Action Agenda](#)
 - MS in Geosciences. **Motion to approve carries.**
 - PhD in Geosciences. **Motion to approve carries.**
 - Graduate College Catalog Change. **Motion to approve carries.**
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 - College of Medicine Catalog Change – Late Grade Change Approvals. **Motion to approve carries.**
 10. Old Business
 - Dr. Dunn announced giving non-perishable food to support our students who are experiencing food insecurities. Dr. Dunn will send email with ways to give.
 11. New Business
 - Dr. Bill Trapani discussed increasing participation in faculty governance and improved information flows.
 - Dr. Dunn discussed that students may experience exam conflicts if a class is offered in a non-standard time, or an asynchronous class schedules an exam at a particular time. These conflicts do not occur often. The current protocol is for the student to work with faculty to develop a workable solution.

12. Open Forum with the Provost

- Dr. Steve Engle gave an update on Post Tenure Review (PTR).

13. Good of the Senate

- Dr. Nicole Morse spoke about concerns for student well-being and safety.
- Please join the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters to see 9 to 5 The Musical.
- Please respond to any student feedback requests as this is important for student success.

14. **Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.**